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TO: Medical service providers, clinics, insurers, and other interested parties

SUBJECT: Clinical justification for certain drugs

This bulletin provides the form medical service providers must complete before prescribing more than a five-day supply of the following drugs: Celebrex[®], Cymbalta[®], Fentora[®], Kadian[®], Lidoderm[®], Lyrica[®], and OxyContin[®]. The division is republishing the form to make a change to a rule citation. This bulletin replaces Bulletin No. 361 issued March 7, 2011.

Physicians and other providers must complete a clinical justification form when prescribing more than a five-day supply of certain high-cost drugs: Celebrex[®], Cymbalta[®], Fentora[®], Kadian[®], Lidoderm[®], Lyrica[®], and OxyContin[®], as required by OAR 436-009-0090. However, if you prescribe other drugs not on the list, you do not have to complete the form.

You can download Form 4909, "Pharmaceutical Clinical Justification for Workers' Compensation," from the division's website: <http://wcd.oregon.gov/forms/Pages/forms.aspx>.

Data shows that the seven drugs requiring justification make up about 30 percent of total pharmaceutical costs in Oregon's workers' compensation system. The requirement to provide justification is an effort to encourage providers to consider other lower-cost options to treat workers' compensation patients when appropriate.

If you have any questions about the requirements or the form, call the Medical Resolution Team, 503-947-7606, or send email to WCDMedicalquestions@oregon.gov.

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